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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
NE cor. Taylor and Wendover

Avenues

2110 Taylor Avenue
9th Election District
6th Councilmanic District
Maurice J. Duca, Petitioner

* BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 96-361-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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Mr. Duca testified that the property has been owned by his family for many years. He indicated that his grandfather originally purchased the property and constructed the subject dwelling thereon prior to World War II. Later the property was owned by Mr. Duca's father and Mr. Duca acquired the property from his father's estate in 1992.

He further testified that the property has been used as a two apartment unit for as long as he can remember. Each apartment has a separate entrance. Moreover, each apartment has its own utility meter, a bathroom and living area.

Testifying in support of the request was Jack Fiorini, who resides at 7943 Highpoint Road, a short distance away. Mr. Fiorini has been familiar with the subject area and lot since the late 1930s. He testified that he worked for the Petitioner's grandfather and recalls the subject dwelling being constructed prior to World War II. As a resident of the locale, Mr. Fiorini was also able to testify that the property has been used as a two apartment dwelling since its construction. He indicated that there has been no abandonment or discontinuance of the use.

Nonconforming use is defined in Section 101 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) and regulated by the provisions of Section 104 thereof. Essentially, a nonconforming use designation can be utilized to grandfather an otherwise illegal use. The Petitioner must demonstrate that the subject use predated the adoption of the ordinance which prohibits such use. Moreover, it must be established that the use has not been discontinued or abandoned.

Based on the uncontradicted testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met its burden. The uncontradicted testimony of Mr. Fiorini is particularly persuasive. That gentleman has personal knowledge of the use of the subject property since prior to 1945,

the date the first zoning regulations were adopted in Baltimore County.

Thus, for these reasons, the Petition for Special Hearing shall be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 29 day of April 1996 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval for the use of the property, as a nonconforming use, for a two apartment dwelling, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction.

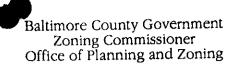
1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:mmn

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Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 29, 1996

Philip J. Asplen, Jr., Esquire 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 625 Oxford Building Baltimore, Maryland 21286

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 96-361-SPH Property: 2110 Taylor Avenue Dr. Maurice J. Duca, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Asplen:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner

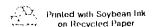
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Mr. Maurice J. Duca, 2108 Taylor Avenue, Balto. Md. 21234 c:

Mr. Nevitt S. Edwards III, 2511 Taylor Avenue, Balto.Md. 21234

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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commi	ssioner of Baltimore County
for the property located at	2110 Taylor Avenue
96-361-5PH	which is presently zoned
This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administrati	on & Development Management. County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve the use of 2110 Taylor Avenue as a two-apartment dwelling. The property has been

continuously used as a multi-apartment dwelling since it was constructed in the 1920's. The continuous use as a multi-apartment dwelling pre-dates 1945.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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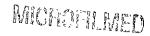
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No. 2110 Taylor Avenue

Zoning Description

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the Ninth Election District, and Sixth Councilmanic District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the north side of Taylor Avenue, 50 feet wide, with the east side of Wendover Avenue, 40 feet wide; said point being distant 96 feet from the intersection of the center of Queen Anne Road, 40 feet wide, with the north side of Taylor Avenue; and being designated as Lot No.'s 32, 33 34, and 35; and Lot No.'s 552, 553, 554, 555, and 556 as shown on the Plat entitled "Parkville Heights" which plat is recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Platbook No. 7 folio 38.

THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon being known as No. 2110 Taylor Avenue.



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
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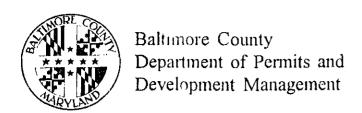
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:
Item No.: 360 Petitioner: M DUCA
Location: 2110 TAYLOR AVE
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: PHILIP L. ASPLEW, J. 2
ADDRESS: 8600 LA SALLE ROAD Suite 625 Oxford BLDG
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21286
PHONE NUMBER: (410) 821-7831

TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Please foward billing to:

Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esq. 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 625 Baltimore, MD 21286 821-7831

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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
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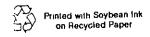
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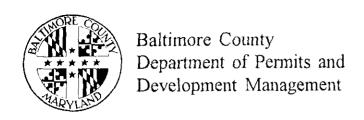
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March 29, 1996

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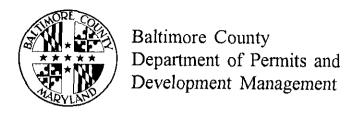
Arnold Jablon Director

cc:

Maurice Duca

Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esq.

- NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

April 17, 1996

Mr. Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esquire 625 Oxford Building 8600 LaSalle Road Baltimore, MD 21286

RE: Item No.: 360

Case No.: 96-361-3PH
Petitioner: Maurice Duca

Dear Mr. Asplen:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on April 5, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

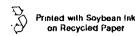
Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s)





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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: April 5, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division Department of Permits & Development

Management

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 8, 1996

Item Nos. 351, 352, 354, 359, 360 & 361

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comment.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File

Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 04/02/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APR. 01, 1996

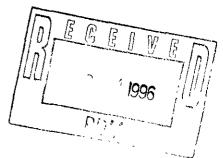
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Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

B. The Fire Marshall's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:351, 352, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360 AND 361.9



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD
Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: March 28, 1996

Permits and Development

Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 352, 354, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360 and 361

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL



David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

3-29-96

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County Item No. 360 (JJ5)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, Bob Small

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

BS/es



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

ZADM

DATE: 3-28-96

FROM:

DEPRM

Development Coordination

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee

Agenda: neeting of 4/1/96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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Beech College

PETITION PROBLEMS

#353 --- JJS

- 1. Need original signature for legal owner.
- 2. Need original signature for contract purchaser.

#354 --- JRA

1. Receipt not given to petitioner - still in folder.

#356 --- JJS

- 1. No telephone number for legal owner.
- 2. Only 1 receipt for item #356 & 357.

#357 --- JJS

- 1. No telephone number for legal owner.
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#358 --- JLL

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#360 --- JJS

1. No zoning classification on petition form.

#361 --- JJS

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE:

March 22, 1996

TO:

Hearing Officer

FROM:

John J. Sullivan

Planner II

Zoning Review, PDM

SUBJECT:

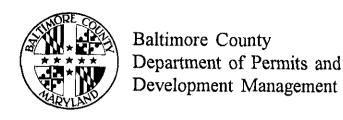
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2110 Taylor Avenue

While reviewing the submitted site plan, I informed Phillip L. Asplen, Jr. (the petitioner's attorney) that building setbacks and the uses of certain structures were not shown. I informed him that the hearing officer could ask for revised plans and delay the outcome based on the above. Mr. Asplen stated that he wished to proceed with the original site plans.

JJS:scj





Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

APRIL 15. 1996

Ms. Beverly E. Grossman 3502 Hiss Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Re:

Case Number: 96-361-SPH 2110 Taylor Avenue

Dear Ms. Grossman:

The hearing in this matter is scheduled for April 24, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. As such, its disposition is no longer in this office's arena.

This to advise that your letter of April 10, 1996 has become part of the file, which will be delivered to the Zoning Commsissioner's office for the upcoming hearing.

However, the optimal time for interested parties to submit evidence is almost always at the hearing. There testimony can be offered in support of such evidence and any testimony offered in contradiction can be directly addressed.

ARNOLD JABLON DIRECTOR

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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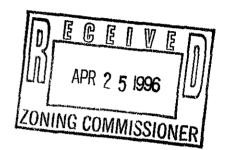
PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Nevitt Edwards 2511 Taylor Avenue Parkville MD 21234

April 18, 1996

Commissioner Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioners Office 400 Washington Avenue Towson MD 21204



Dear Commissioner Schmidt:

I am opposed to granting a special exemption in case number 96-361 SPH. Having grown up in Parkville and having recently returned to the neighborhood, I have watched the neighborhood gradually deteriorate as both the housing and the population has aged. Recently, the neighborhood seems to be recovering as a number of young families (myself included) have moved into the areas and have begun to fix up their homes. Additionally, both the State and the County have invested money to sustain the neighborhood both in the streetscaping of Harford Road and the tax incentive to redevelop the Oakleigh Road and Taylor Avenue retail area. Allowing single family homes to be split into apartments, especially in a piece meal fashion, will further erode the economic and social viability of the neighborhood.

A number of rental properties are already in the neighborhood and more than satisfy demand. Tenants and absentee land lords tend to do a minimum to maintain the property. Thus, rentals tend to be unkept and rapidly become eyesores in the community.

The Villa Cresta area, and other aging neighborhoods need the support of the county to maintain the viability of its suburbs. Else, the county will begin to experience the problems of Baltimore City as families and businesses continue to migrate further out to the suburbs.

Please take my concerns into consideration before you grant this exemption.

Sincerely,

Nevitt S. Edwards III

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April 10, 1996

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director
Baltimore County Dept. of Permits & Development Mgt.
County Office Bldg.
111 W. Chesapeake Ave.
Towson, Md. 21204

RE: Notice of Hearing - Case No. 96-361-SPH (Item 360)
Date of Hearing: April 24, 1996 at 9:00 AM
2110 Taylor Avenue
(Maurizio Duca)

Dear Mr. Jablon:

I am in receipt of your letter of 3/29/96.

I would like you to be aware of the fact that:

- The <u>LEGAL OWNER</u> as stated on the letter is deceased and the father of MAURIZIO DUCA, middle initial (J), who rents the property out as (3) apartments, not (2) and/or office space in his basement.
- 2) Mr. Maurizio J. Duca has <u>not</u> posted any signs as of this date as stated in the letter.
- As stated above, the special hearing is to approve the use of a TWO APARTMENT DWELLING when he is only zoned for a ONE FAMILY DWELLING per the 13,000 sq. footage required in Mr. James H. Thompson's letter of 8/10/95.

This has been the **reason** for this hearing back in August of 1995 due to the fact, Mr. Duca has and will continue to rent this property as a THREE APARTMENT AND/OR TWO APARMENT AND OFFICE at 2110 Taylor Avenue.

I would like a response to my letter and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beverly E. Grossman

3502 Hiss Avenue

Baltimore, Md. 21234 (former tenant at 2110 Taylor Ave.)

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Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Licenses



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3610

August 10, 1995

Mr. Maurice J. Duca 2108 Taylor Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

> Re: Case No. C-95-2495

2110 Taylor Avenue 9th Election District

Dear Mr. Duca:

By September 15, 1995, 2110 Taylor Avenue must be re-converted back to a single-family dwelling. Under D.R.5.5 zoning the required lot size to support three apartments must be 13,000 sq. ft. The assessment records indicate lots 34 and 35 are comprised of 4165 sq. ft. If this use pre-dates 1945 and has been continuous, the option to file a Special Hearing Petition does exist for three apartments. If you elect to proceed with this option, by the September date, an appointment review date must be scheduled with Development Control (887-3391) to file the public hearing petition.

Finally, in the same time frame all commercial business operations from this property must cease.

If additional questions remain, please contact either Inspector Timothy L. Fitts or myself at 887-3351.

Sincerely,

AMES H. THOMPSON

Code Enforcement Supervisor Department of Permits and

Development Management

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Inspector Timothy L. Fatts

bc: Ms. Beverly Grossman

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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING NE cor. Taylor and Wendover

Avenues 2110 Taylor Avenue 9th Election District

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He further testified that the property has been used as a two apartment unit for as long as he can remember. Each apartment has a separate entrance. Moreover, each apartment has its own utility meter, a bathroom and living area.

Testifying in support of the request was Jack Fiorini, who resides at 7943 Highpoint Road, a short distance away. Mr. Fiorini has been familiar with the subject area and lot since the late 1930s. He testified that he worked for the Petitioner's grandfather and recalls the subject dwelling being constructed prior to World War II. As a resident of the locale, Mr. Fiorini was also able to testify that the property has been used as a two apartment dwelling since its construction. He indicated that there has been no abandonment or discontinuance of the use.

Nonconforming use is defined in Section 101 of the Baltimore County ¿Zoning Regulations (BCZR) and regulated by the provisions of Section 104 thereof. Essentially, a nonconforming use designation can be utilized to grandfather an otherwise illegal use. The Petitioner must demonstrate that the subject use predated the adoption of the ordinance which prohibits such use. Moreover, it must be established that the use has not been discontinued or abandoned.

Based on the uncontradicted testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met its burden. The uncontradicted testimony of Mr. Fiorini is particularly persuasive. That gentleman has personal knowledge of the use of the subject property since prior to 1945,

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the date the first zoning regulations were adopted in Baltimore County. Thus, for these reasons, the Petition for Special Hearing shall be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 27 day of April 1996 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval for the use of the property, as a nonconforming use, for a two apartment dwelling, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction.

> The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:mmn

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 29, 1996

Philip J. Asplen, Jr., Esquire 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 625 Oxford Building Baltimore, Maryland 21286

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 96-361-SPH Property: 2110 Taylor Avenue Dr. Maurice J. Duca, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Asplen:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

> Very truly yours, Janu & So Mitt LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:mmn

c: Mr. Maurice J. Duca, 2108 Taylor Avenue, Balto. Md. 21234 c: Mr. Nevitt S. Edwards III, 2511 Taylor Avenue, Balto.Md. 21234

Petition for Special Hearing to the Zoning Committee for the property located at

which is presently zoned This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve the use of 2110 Taylor Avenue as a two-apartment bolling. The property has been continuously used as a nulti-apartment dwelling since it was constructed in the

1920's. The continuous use as a multi-spartment building pre-dates 1945.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed to a sprescribed to a sprescribed to a spread to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore	posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and
	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):

Maurice Duca 2108 Taylor Avenue 850-2314 Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted

J. FINLEY RANSONE & ASSOCIATES Construction Management Real Estate Development

Zoning Description 96-361-5PH

Duca Property No. 2110 Taylor Avenue

March 5, 1996

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the Ninth Election District, and Sixth Councilmanic District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the north side of Taylor Avenue, 50 feet wide, with the east side of Wendover Avenue, 40 feet wide; said point being distant 96 feet from the intersection of the center of Queen Anne Road, 40 feet wide, with the north side of Taylor Avenue; and being designated as Lot No.'s 32, 33 34, and 35; and Lot No.'s 552, 553, 554, 555, and 556 as shown on the Plat entitled "Parkville Heights" which plat is recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Platbook No.

THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon being known as No. 2110 Taylor Avenue.

ase: #96-361-SPH Avenues 9th Election District 6th Countries and Chicountermant:
Legal Owner(s):
Maurice Duca
Special Hearing: to approve the use as a two apartment dwelling. Hearing: Wednesday, April 24, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm 118, Old Courthouse. LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Batimore County NOTES: (1) Hearings are

NOTICE OF HEARING

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 96-361-5PH

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published

in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on  $\underline{-4/4}$ 

> LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

 Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

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Date: April 5, 1096

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Arnold Jablon, Director

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 8, 1996

zoning item, and we have no comment.

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cc: File

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Management

FROM: \(\int_{\text{int}}\) Robert W. Bowling, Chief

Department of Permits & Development

Department of Permits & Development

Item Nos. 351, 352, 354, 359, 360 & 361

Development Plans Review Division

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject

Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esq. 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 625 Baltimore, MD 21286

Please foward billing to:

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-361-SPH (Item 360) 2110 Taylor Avenue NEC Taylor and Wendover Avenues 9th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Legal Owner: Maurice Duca

Special Hearing to approve the use as a two appartment dwelling.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

LAWRENCE E. SCHHIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

March 29, 1996

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cc: Maurice Duca

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

Director

Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esq. NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 28, 1996

Arnold Jablon, Director

Permits and Development

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

Item Nos. 352, 354, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, and 361

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

April 17, 1996

Mr. Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esquire 625 Oxford Building 8600 LaSalle Road Baltimore, MD 21286

> RE: Item No.: 360 Case No.: 96-361-3PH Petitioner: Maurice Duca

Dear Mr. Asplen:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 04/02/96

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APR. 01, 1996

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Centlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 351, 352, 354, 355, 356. 357, 358, 359, 360 AND 361.6

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

ITEM352A/PZONE/ZAC1

State Highway Administration

3-29-96

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief **Engineering Access Permits** Division

RE: Baltimore County

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Development Coordination

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: Meeting of 4/1/96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: 3-28-96

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LETTY2/DEPRM/TXTSBF

# **PETITION PROBLEMS**

#353 --- JJS

1. Need original signature for legal owner.

2. Need original signature for contract purchaser.

#354 --- JRA

1. Receipt not given to petitioner - still in folder.

#356 --- JJS

1. No telephone number for legal owner. 2. Only 1 receipt for item #356 & 357.

#357 --- JJS

1. No telephone number for legal owner.

2. Only 1 receipt for item #357 & 356.

#358 --- JLL

1. No telephone number for legal owner.

#360 --- JJS

1. No zoning classification on petition form.

#361 --- JJS

No zoning classification on petition form.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Inter-Office Memorandum

March 22, 1996

TO: Hearing Officer

John J. Sullivan Planner II Zoning Review, PDM

Item #360 2110 Taylor Avenue

April 10, 1996

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

Date of Hearing:

(Maurizio Duca)

2110 Taylor Avenue

OFFICE at 2110 Taylor Avenue.

attention to this matter.

County Office Bldg. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave.

Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Baltimore County Dept. of Permits & Development Mgt.

I am in receipt of your letter of 3/29/96.

I would like you to be aware of the fact that:

office space in his basement.

date as stated in the letter.

RE: Notice of Hearing - Case No. 96-361-SPH (Item 360)

1) The LEGAL OWNER as stated on the letter is deceased and

2) Mr. Maurizio J. Duca has not posted any signs as of this

As stated above, the special hearing is to approve the

use of a TWO APARTMENT DWELLING when he is only zoned for a ONE FAMILY DWELLING per the 13,000 sq. footage required in Mr. James H. Thompson's letter of 8/10/95.

the father of MAURIZIO DUCA, middle initial (J), who

rents the property out as (3) apartments, not (2) and/or

April 24, 1996 at 9:00 AM

While reviewing the submitted site plan, I informed Phillip L. Asplen, Jr. (the petitioner's attorney) that building setbacks and the uses of certain structures were not shown. I informed him that the hearing officer could ask for revised plans and delay the outcome based on the above. Mr. Asplen stated that he wished to proceed with the original site plans.

JJS:scj

Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

APRIL 15, 1996

Ms. Beverly E. Grossman 3502 Hiss Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Case Number: 96-361-SPH 2110 Taylor Avenue

Dear Ms. Grossman:

The hearing in this matter is scheduled for April 24, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. As such, its disposition is no longer in this office's arena.

This to advise that your letter of April 10, 1996 has become part of the file, which will be delivered to the Zoning Commsissioner's office for the upcoming hearing.

However, the optimal time for interested parties to submit evidence is almost always at the hearing. There testimony can be offered in support of such evidence and any testimony offered in contradiction can be directly addressed.

ARNOLD JABLON DIRECTOR

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Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Licenses

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3610

August 10, 1995

Mr. Maurice J. Duca 2108 Taylor Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

> Re: Case No. C-95-2495 2110 Taylor Avenue 9th Election District

Dear Mr. Duca:

By September 15, 1995, 2110 Taylor Avenue must be re-converted back to a single-family dwelling. Under D.R.5.5 zoning the required lot size to support three apartments must be 13,000 sq. ft. The assessment records indicate lots 34 and 35 are comprised of 4165 sq. ft. If this use pre-dates 1945 and has been continuous, the option to file a Special Hearing Petition does exist for three apartments. If you elect to proceed with this option, by the September date, an appointment review date must be scheduled with Development Control (887-3391) to file the public hearing petition.

Finally, in the same time frame all commercial business operations from this property must cease.

If additional questions remain, please contact either Inspector Timothy L. Fitts or myself at 887-3351.

> Sincerely, Code Enforcement Supervisor Department of Permits and

c: Inspector Timothy L. Fitts bc: Ms. Beverly Grossman

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING BEFORE THE 2110 Taylor Avenue, NEC Taylor and Wendover Avenues, 9th Election District, * ZONING COMMISSIONER 6th Councilmanic OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Maurice Duca Petitioner CASE NO. 96-361-SPH * * * * * * * * * * *

# ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carries, Dinickie CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of April, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Philip L. Asplen, Jr., Esquire, 625 Oxford Building, 8600 LaSalle Road, Towson, MD 21286, attorney for Petitioners.

Nevitt Edwards 2511 Taylor Avenue Parkville MD 21234

April 18, 1996

Commissioner Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioners Office 400 Washington Avenue Towson MD 21204

Dear Commissioner Schmidt:

I am opposed to granting a special exemption in case number 96-361 SPH. Having grown up in Parkville and having recently returned to the neighborhood, I have watched the neighborhood gradually deteriorate as both the housing and the population has aged. Recently, the neighborhood seems to be recovering as a number of young families (myself included) have moved into the areas and have begun to fix up their homes. Additionally, both the State and the County have invested money to sustain the neighborhood both in the streetscaping of Harford Road and the tax incentive to redevelop the Oakleigh Road and Taylor Avenue retail area. Allowing single family homes to be split into apartments. especially in a piece meal fashion, will further erode the economic and social viability of the

A number of rental properties are already in the neighborhood and more than satisfy demand. Tenants and absentee land lords tend to do a minimum to maintain the property. Thus, rentals tend to be unkept and rapidly become eyesores in the community.

The Villa Cresta area, and other aging neighborhoods need the support of the county to maintain the viability of its suburbs. Else, the county will begin to experience the problems of Baltimore City as families and businesses continue to migrate further out to the suburbs.

Please take my concerns into consideration before you grant this exemption.

Sincerely, Beverly E. Grossman 3502 Hiss Avenue Baltimore, Md. 21234 (former tenant at 2110 Taylor Ave.)

This has been the reason for this hearing back in August of 1995 due to the fact, Mr. Duca has and will continue to rent

this property as a THREE APARTMENT AND/OR TWO APARMENT AND

I would like a response to my letter and appreciate your

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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